

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

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UNILOC USA, INC. and	§	
UNILOC LUXEMBOURG, S.A.,	§	Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-00174
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Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
v.	§	PATENT CASE
	§	
NUTANIX, INC.,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
	§	

## ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs, Uniloc USA, Inc. and Uniloc Luxembourg, S.A. (together “Uniloc”), as and for their complaint against defendant, Nutanix, Inc. (“Nutanix”), allege as follows:

## THE PARTIES

1. Uniloc USA, Inc. (“Uniloc USA”) is a Texas corporation having a principal place of business at Legacy Town Center I, Suite 380, 7160 Dallas Parkway, Plano Texas 75024. Uniloc USA also maintains a place of business at 102 N. College, Suite 603, Tyler, Texas 75702.

2. Uniloc Luxembourg S.A. (“Uniloc Luxembourg”) is a Luxembourg public limited liability company having a principal place of business at 15, Rue Edward Steichen, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, L-2540, Luxembourg (R.C.S. Luxembourg B159161).

3. Uniloc Luxembourg owns a number of patents in the field of replicating data from a source file to a target file in a computer system: including by providing upgrades from a server to a remote user's computer.

4. Upon information and belief, Nutanix is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business in San Jose, California and regular places of business in or around Austin, Dallas and/or San Antonio. Upon information and belief, Nutanix offers its products and/or services, including those accused herein of infringement, to customers and/or potential customers located in Texas and in the judicial Eastern District of Texas. Nutanix may be served with process through its registered agent in Texas: Corporation Service Company, d/b/a CSC – Lawyers Incorporating Service Company, 211 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. Uniloc USA and Uniloc Luxembourg (collectively, “Uniloc”) bring this action for patent infringement under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 271 *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a) and 1367.

6. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b). Upon information and belief, Nutanix is deemed to reside in this judicial district, has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district, and/or has purposely transacted business involving the accused products in Texas and this judicial district.

7. Nutanix is subject to this Court’s jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Texas Long Arm Statute due at least to its substantial presence and business in this State and judicial district, including: (A) at least part of its past infringing activities, (B) regularly doing and/or soliciting business in Austin, Dallas and/or San Antonio, Texas and/or (C) engaging in persistent conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to customers in Texas.

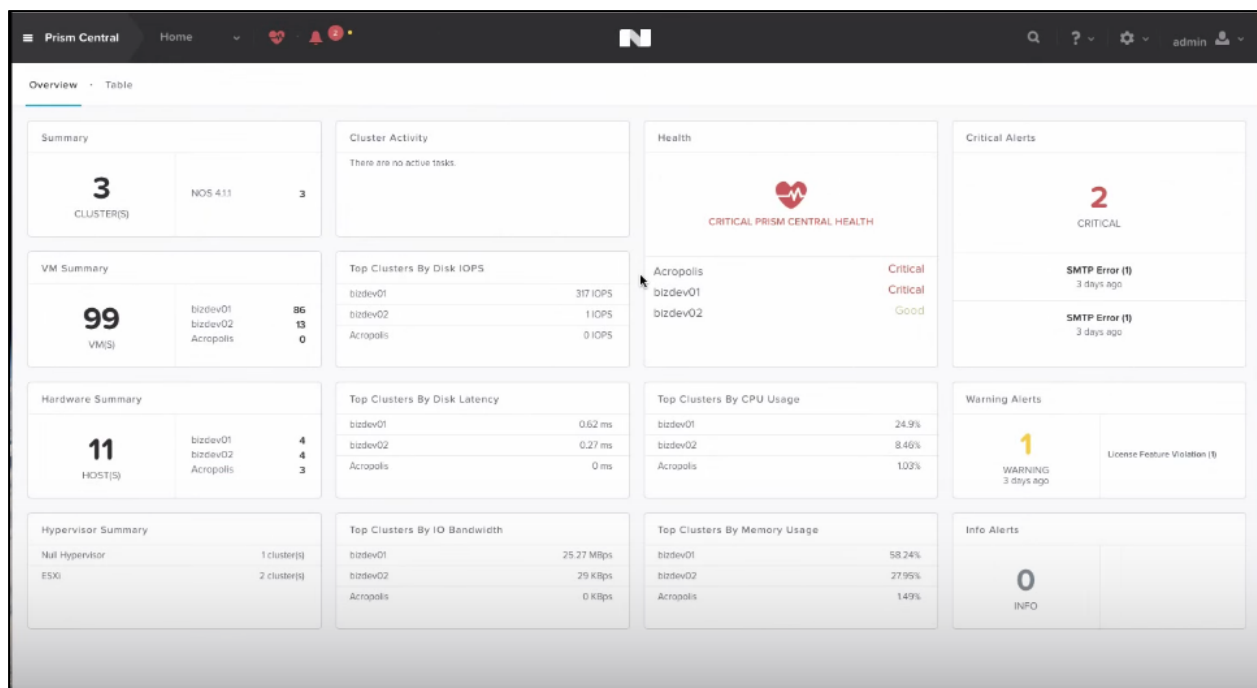
### **COUNT I** (INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,110,228)

8. Uniloc incorporates paragraphs 1-7 above by reference.

9. Uniloc Luxembourg is the owner, by assignment, of U.S. Patent No. 6,110,228 (“the ’228 Patent”), entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AT REMOTE NODES that issued on August 29, 2000. A true and correct copy of the ’228 Patent is attached as Exhibit A hereto.

10. Uniloc USA is the exclusive licensee of the ’228 Patent with ownership of all substantial rights therein, including the right to grant sublicenses, to exclude others, and to enforce, sue and recover past damages for the infringement thereof.

11. Nutanix provides software that allows for customer service requests. For example, the following image shows a screen shot from a user interface for the Nutanix Prism computer program:

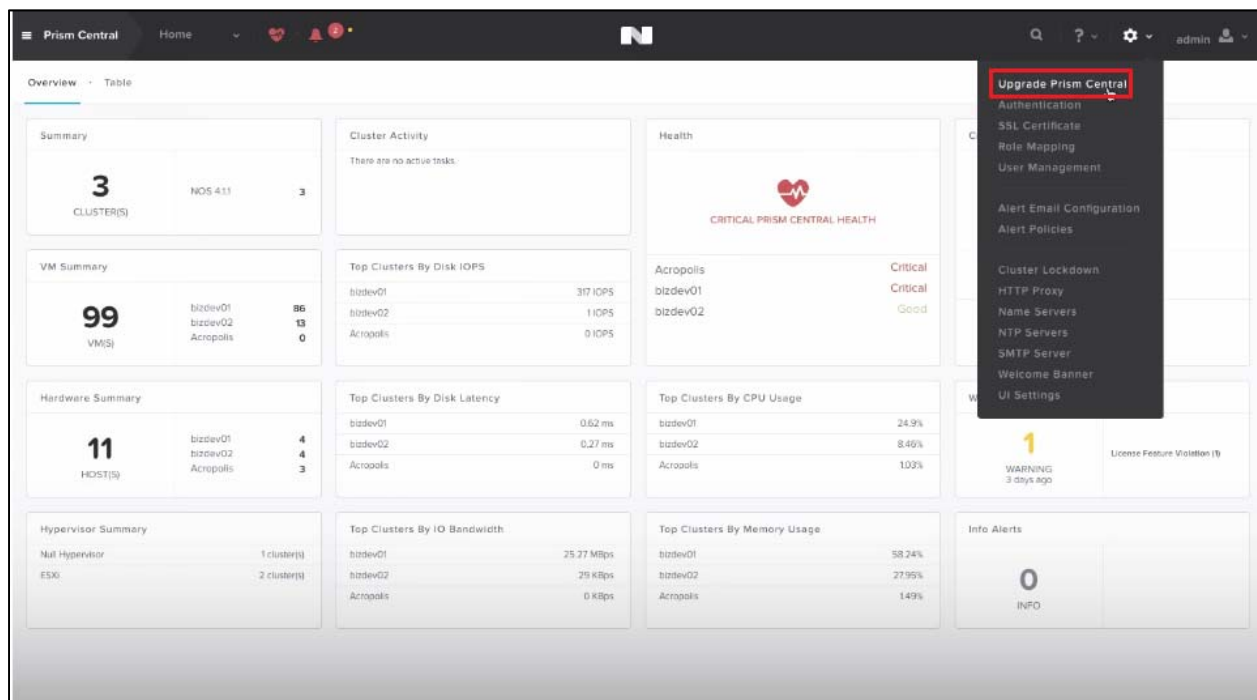


12. The following image shows that Nutanix allows a remote user to periodically update the Prism software:

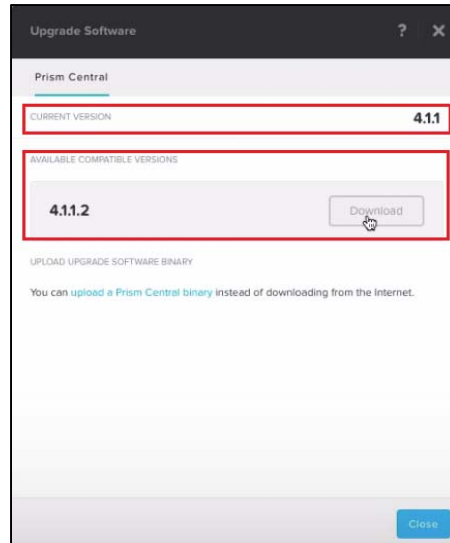
That's why Nutanix, in the NOS 4.X release bring one of the best features ever – One click upgrade. Where from single console you can upgrade not only Acropolis Operating System (AOS) but also:

- Hypervisor
  - ESXi with major releases and minor patches
  - Hyper-V
  - Acropolis AHV – minor and major releases are supported
- Firmware
  - disks firmware – in the current releases
  - NIC firmware – in the future releases
  - BIOS – in the future releases
  - IPMI\BMC firmware – in the current releases
  - LSI cards firmware – in the future releases
- Tools
  - NCC – Nutanix cluster check
- Foundation
- Prism Central – you can upgrade Prism Central with Nutanix OneClick upgrade too.

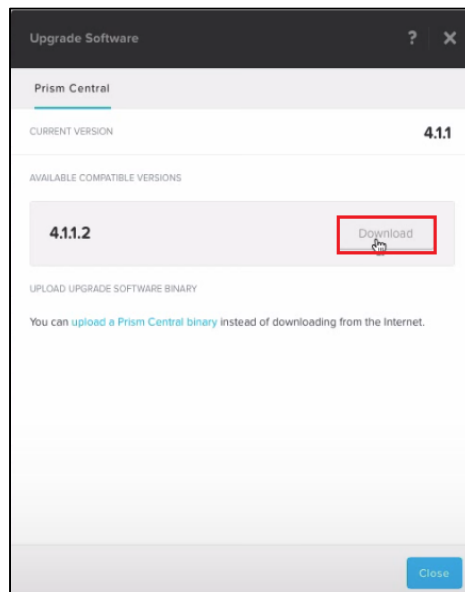
13. The following image shows that Nutanix provides a pull-down menu in the Prism software that enables a remote user to request an upgrade from Nutanix:



14. The following image shows that, once the user clicks the Upgrade option button, Nutanix provides a list of current and latest versions of the Prism software:



15. The following image shows that, in response to a remote user's request, Nutanix provides and identification of available upgrades that the user may download by clicking the "Download" button:



16. Nutanix has directly infringed, and continues to directly infringe one or more claims of the '228 Patent in the United States during the pendency of the '228 Patent, including at least claims 1, 6-7, 10, 18, 25-26, 29, 67-68, and 70-71 literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by or through making, using, importing, offering for sale and/or selling the Nutanix

Prism software products (“Prism”) during the pendency of the ’228 Patent which software and associated backend server architecture *inter alia* allow for receiving users’ requests for service (for example, upgrades), determining the service requested (for example, provide an upgrade), and providing the upgrade to the user in response to the request received by Nutanix from the remote user location.

17. In addition, should the Nutanix Prism be found to not literally infringe the asserted claims of the ’228 Patent, the Nutanix Prism would nevertheless infringe the asserted claims of the ’228 Patent. More specifically, the Nutanix Prism performs substantially the same function (providing a service to a remote user location), in substantially the same way (via a request for service from the user’s remote device), to yield substantially the same result (allowing a user to receive a service, such as an upgrade to an installed Nutanix application). Nutanix would thus be liable for direct infringement under the doctrine of equivalents.

18. Nutanix has indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly infringe at least claims 1, 6-7, 10, 18, 25-26, 29, 67-68, and 70-71 of the ’228 Patent in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States by, among other things, actively inducing the using, offering for sale, selling, or importing Nutanix Prism. Nutanix’s customers who use Nutanix Prism in accordance with Nutanix’s instructions directly infringe one or more of the foregoing claims of the ’228 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271. Nutanix directly and/or indirectly intentionally instructs its customers to infringe through training videos, demonstrations, brochures, installation and/or user guides such as those located at one or more of the following:

- [www.nutanix.com](http://www.nutanix.com)
- <https://next.nutanix.com>
- The Nutanix Bible ([nutanixbible.com](http://nutanixbible.com))

- <https://app.Nutanix.com>
- [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), including:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tSrEvLriPM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tSrEvLriPM)

Nutanix is thereby liable for infringement of the '228 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

19. Nutanix has indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly infringe at least claims 1, 6-7, 10, 18, 25-26, 29, 67-68, and 70-71 of the '228 Patent in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States by, among other things, contributing to the direct infringement by others including, without limitation customers using Nutanix Prism, by making, offering to sell, selling and/or importing into the United States, a component of a patented machine, manufacture or combination, or an apparatus for use in practicing a patented process, constituting a material part of the invention, knowing the same to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringing the '228 Patent and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.

20. For example, the Nutanix Prism software is a component of a patented machine, manufacture, or combination, or an apparatus for use in practicing a patent process. Furthermore, the Nutanix software is a material part of the claimed inventions and upon information and belief is not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Nutanix is, therefore, liable for infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

21. Nutanix will have been on notice of the '228 Patent since, at the latest, the service of this complaint upon Nutanix. By the time of trial, Nutanix will have known and intended (since receiving such notice) that its continued actions would actively induce, and contribute to, the infringement of one or more of claims 1, 6-7, 10, 18, 25-26, 29, 67-68, and 70-71 of the '228 Patent.

22. Nutanix may have infringed the '228 Patent through other software utilizing the same or reasonably similar functionality, including other versions of the Nutanix Prism. Uniloc reserves the right to discover and pursue all such additional infringing software.

23. Uniloc has been damaged, reparably and irreparably, by Nutanix's infringement of the '228 Patent and such damage will continue unless and until Nutanix is enjoined.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Uniloc requests that the Court enter judgment against Nutanix as follows:

- (A) declaring that Nutanix has infringed the '228 Patent;
- (B) awarding Uniloc its damages suffered as a result of Nutanix's infringement of the '228 Patent;
- (C) enjoining Nutanix, its officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries and parents, and all others acting in concert or privity with it from infringing the '228 Patent;
- (D) awarding Uniloc its costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and interest, and
- (E) granting Uniloc such further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Uniloc hereby demands trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38.

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